

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1844
Erdman House
17700 Masemore Road
Parkton, Baltimore County
1900 ca.
Public

The Erdman House originally functioned as a barn associated with the Masemore Mill complex, which was located in the vicinity of the Seventh District town of Hereford. Located at the intersection of Masemore Road and west branch of the Gunpowder Falls, the Masemore gristmill dates to the late 1700s. In 1850, the mill was operated by Nicholas Stiltz. Between 1850 and 1877, little development of this rural landscape occurred, and the mill continued operations through the early 20th century. David Donaldson resided in a dwelling near the extant barn in 1877, and the barn might date to Donaldson's late 19th century occupancy of the land. The Masemore family name apparently came to the complex between 1877 and 1915, for the 1915 county atlas indicates that the property belonged to Benjamin Masemore in the early 1900s. In 1940, the building was converted into a private residence, which required extensive renovation of the structure. Within the last twenty years, the State of Maryland has acquired the property as part of the Gunpowder Falls State Park.

This circa 1900 stable was converted to a dwelling circa 1940 and renovated in the Colonial Revival style. Further deed research may pinpoint the barn to an earlier date considering it was once part of the Foster-Masemore Mill complex established in 1797. Located near the Gunpowder Falls, the building is set at the base of a steep hill. It has a random rubble stone foundation with a wood frame structure clad in beaded vertical board. The gambrel asphalt shingle roof is pierced with three gabled wall dormers in the second-story. Part of the stone foundation has been formed into a shed roof enclosed porch on the façade with ten eight-light casement windows. The central door is placed in this shed roof section with a wood single-leaf door that is paneled with lights. Other features of the converted dwelling include a central-interior brick chimney, an exterior-end brick chimney, and a shed roof ell that banks the structure into the hill. On the east elevation is a half-hipped portico with square column supports. Located next to the primary resource is a circa 1900 barn that was also renovated circa 1940. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in beaded vertical board siding. The gambrel roof is clad with corrugated metal. A three-bay-wide, one-story-high porch extends from the main roof line with a continuous shed roof. The gable end is pierced with four louvered vents.

other Erdman House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 17700 Masemore Road not for publication

city, town Parkton - vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

| | |
|------|--|
| name | State of Maryland For Use of the Department of Forests and Parks |
|------|--|

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| street and number | State Office Building | telephone | Not Available |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------|----|----------|-------|
| city, town | Annapolis | state | MD | zip code | 21401 |
|------------|-----------|-------|----|----------|-------|

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 4859 folio 111

| | | | | | |
|------------|--------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| city, town | Towson | tax map 21 | tax parcel 141 | tax ID number | 0719072353 |
|------------|--------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| ___district | <u>X</u> public | <u>X</u> agriculture | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <u>X</u> building(s) | ___private | ___commerce/trade | <u>2</u> | ___ buildings |
| ___structure | ___both | ___defense | ___ | ___ sites |
| ___site | | <u>X</u> domestic | ___ | ___ structures |
| ___object | | ___education | ___ | ___ objects |
| | | ___funerary | <u>2</u> | ___ Total |
| | | ___government | | |
| | | ___health care | | |
| | | ___industry | | |
| | | ___landscape | | |
| | | ___recreation/culture | | |
| | | ___religion | | |
| | | ___social | | |
| | | ___transportation | | |
| | | ___work in progress | | |
| | | ___unknown | | |
| | | ___vacant/not in use | | |
| | | ___other: | | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. BA-1844

Condition

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This circa 1900 stable was converted to a dwelling circa 1940 and renovated in the Colonial Revival style. Further deed research may pinpoint the barn to an earlier date considering it was once part of the Foster-Masemore Mill complex established in 1797. Located near the Gunpowder Falls, the building is set at the base of a steep hill. It has a random rubble stone foundation with a wood frame structure clad in beaded vertical board. The gambrel asphalt shingle roof is pierced with three gabled wall dormers in the second-story. Part of the stone foundation has been formed into a shed roof enclosed porch on the façade with ten eight-light casement windows. The central door is placed in this shed roof section with a wood single-leaf door that is paneled with lights. Other features of the converted dwelling include a central-interior brick chimney, an exterior-end brick chimney, and a shed roof ell that banks the structure into the hill. On the east elevation is a half-hipped portico with square column supports.

Located next to the primary resource is a circa 1900 barn that was also renovated circa 1940. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in beaded vertical board siding. The gambrel roof is clad with corrugated metal. A three-bay-wide, one-story-high porch extends from the main roof line with a continuous shed roof. The gable end is pierced with four louvered vents.

8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-1844

| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |

Specific dates 1900 ca.-present

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1900 ca., 1940

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Constructed circa 1900, the Erdman House originally functioned as a barn associated with the Masemore Mill complex, which was located in the vicinity of the Seventh District town of Hereford. Located at the intersection of Masemore Road and west branch of the Gunpowder Falls, the Masemore gristmill dates to the late 1700s. In 1850, the mill was operated by Nicholas Stiltz. Between 1850 and 1877, little development of this rural landscape occurred, and the mill continued operations through the early 20th century. David Donaldson resided in a dwelling near the extant barn in 1877, and the barn might date to Donaldson's late 19th century occupancy of the land. The Masemore family name apparently came to the complex between 1877 and 1915, for the 1915 county atlas indicates that the property belonged to Benjamin Masemore in the early 1900s. In 1940, the building was converted into a private residence, which required extensive renovation of the structure. Within the last twenty years, the State of Maryland has acquired the property as part of the Gunpowder Falls State Park.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-1844

- Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.* Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.
Baltimore County Historic Inventory.
Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.
Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 20.75 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1900, the Erdman House has been associated with the 20.75 acres of land known as tax parcel 141 of map 21 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| name/title | A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians | | |
| organization | EHT Tracerics, Incorporated | date | May 29, 2001 |
| street & number | 1121 5th Street NW | telephone | 202.393.1199 |
| city or town | Washington | state | DC |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

BA-1586

17315 MASEMORE ROAD

PARKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

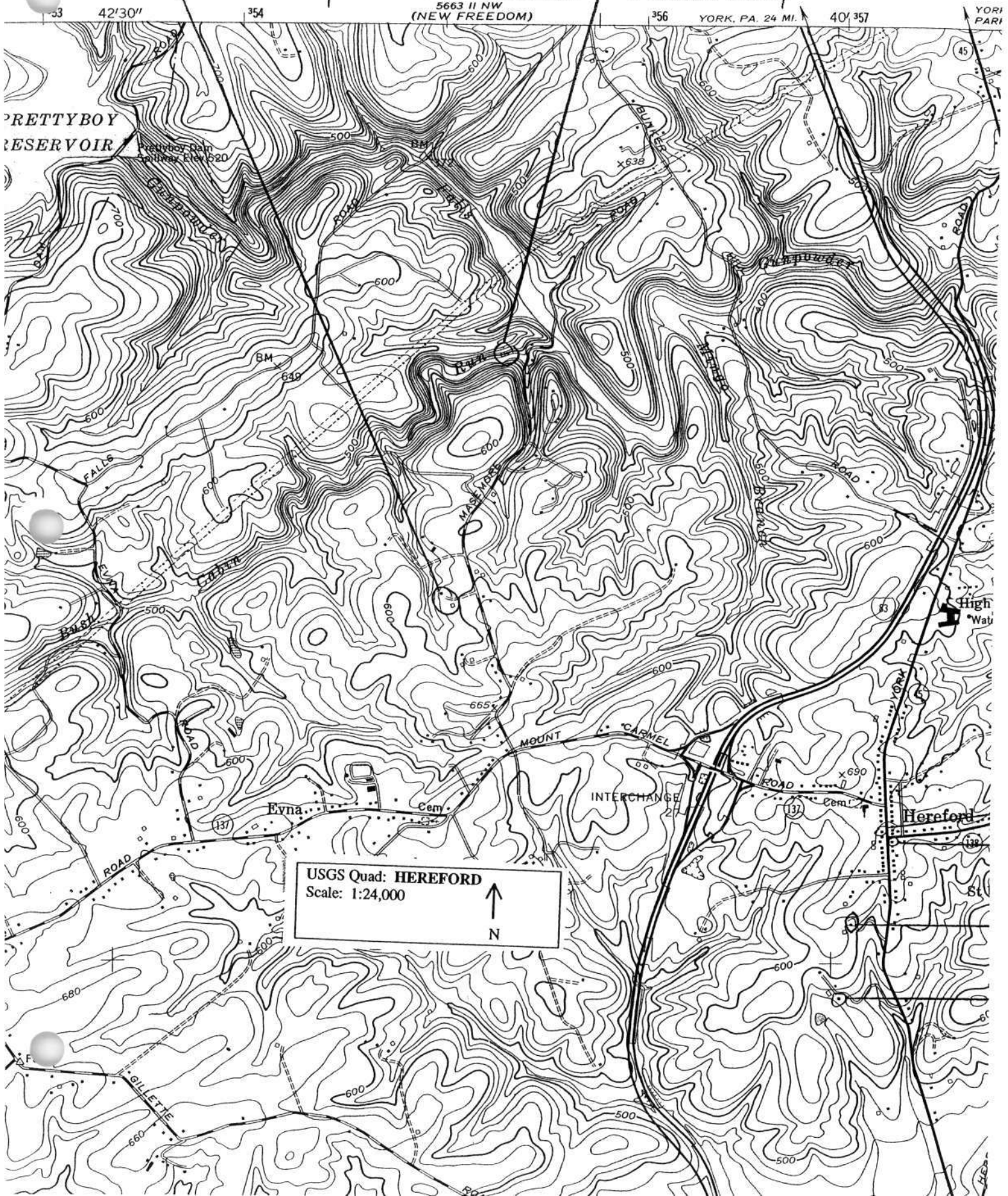
5663 II NW
(NEW FREEDOM)

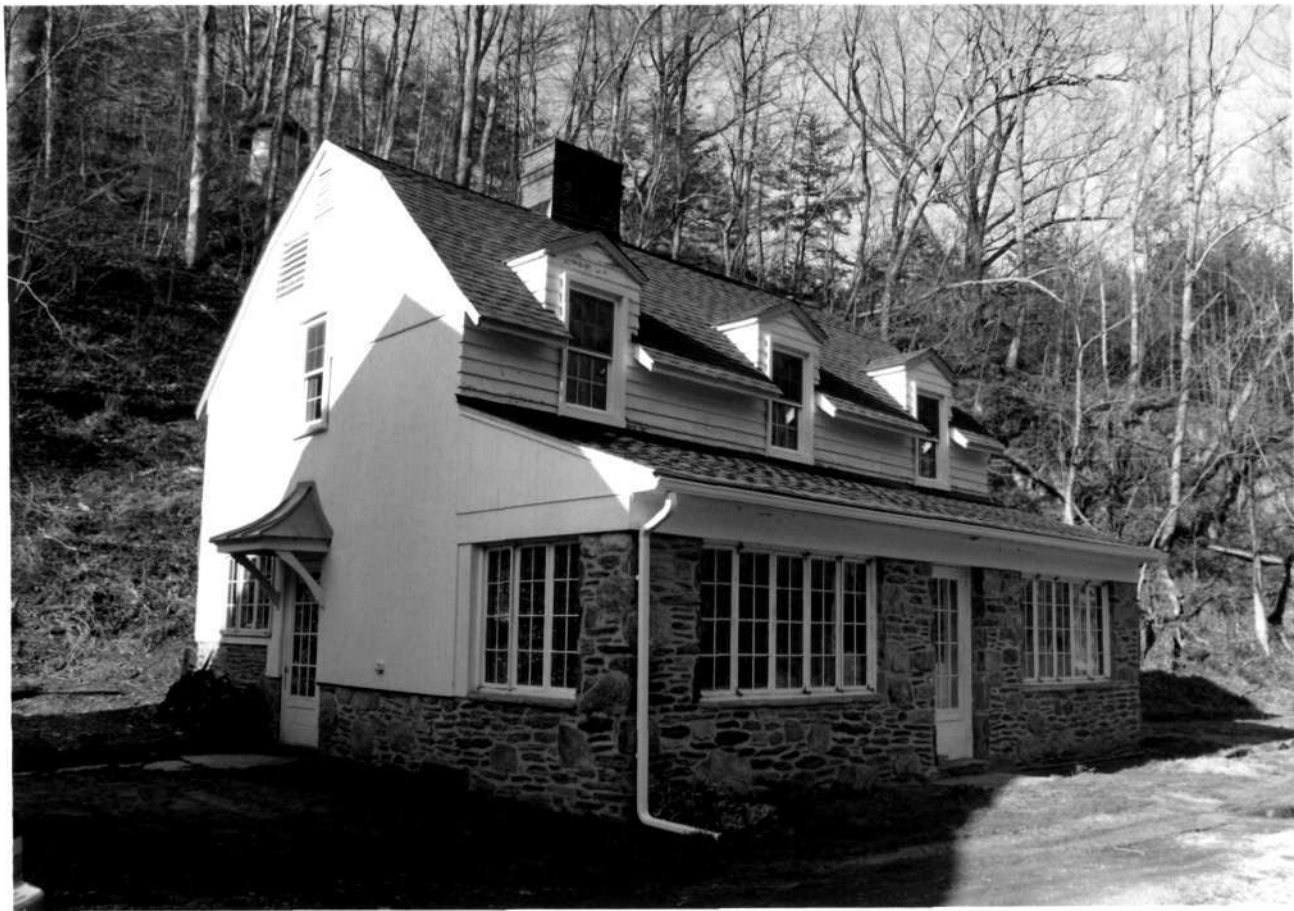
BA-1844

17700 MASEMORE ROAD

PARKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY





BA-1844

17700 MASEMORE ROAD

PARKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

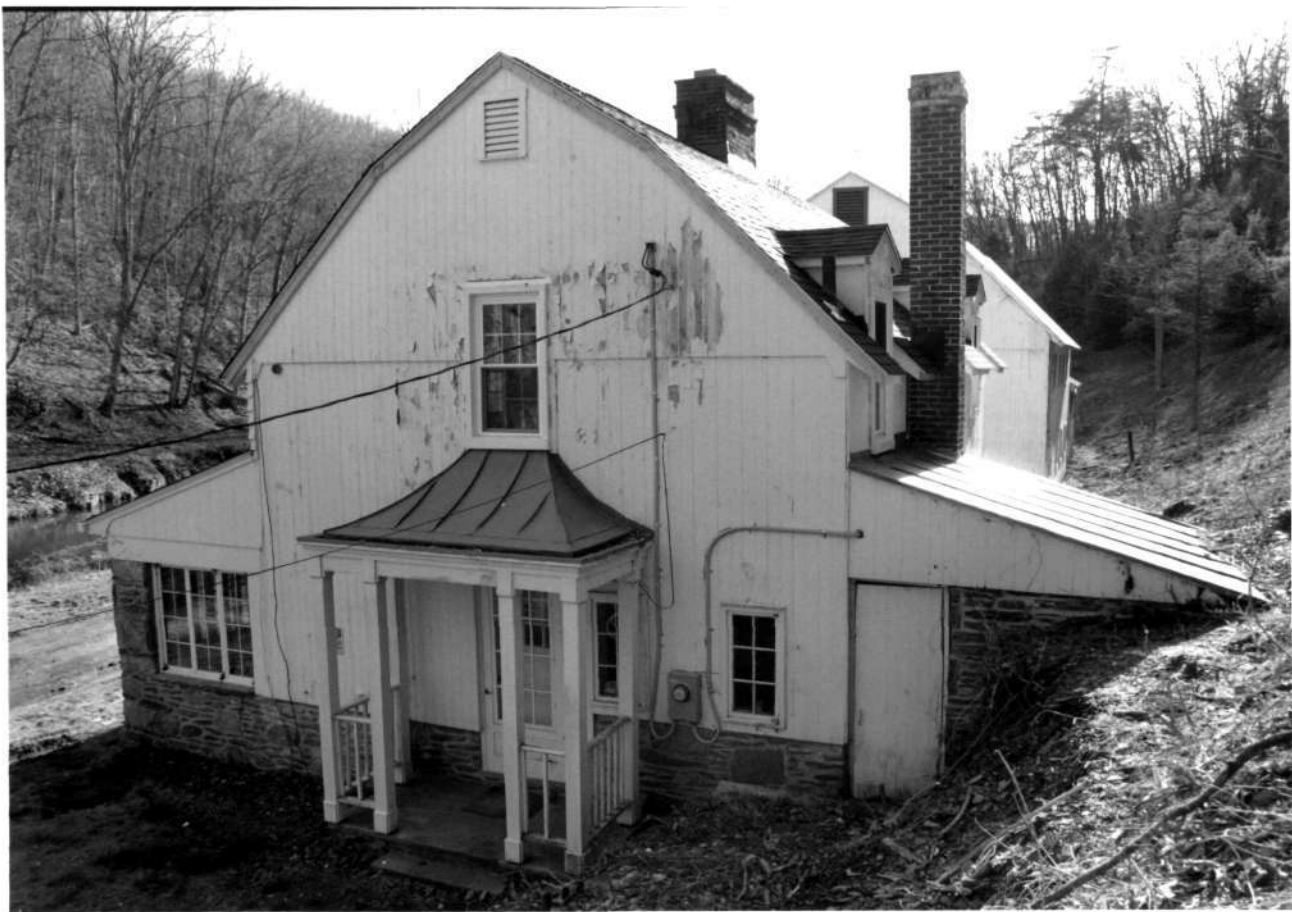
TRAILERES

H/2001

MD-SHPD

SW CORNER

1 of 3



BA 1844

17700 MASEMORE ROAD

PARKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERS

4/2001

MD-5HPD

NE CORNER

2 of 3



BA-1844

17700 MASEMORE ROAD

PARKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

4/2001

MD SHPD

BARN

3 of 3

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

ERDMAN HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Erdman house is a two storey frame structure on a stone foundation, under a gambrel roof, ridge running approximately east-west. There is a stone porch addition on the south with a shed roof connecting with the gambrel's lower slope. The facade is symmetrical. with two large sets of casement windows flanking the entrance door. Three gable dormers with 6/6 windows are set on the lower slope of the gambrel on the south. The front of the house is clapboard, the sides vertical flush-boards. There are small concave three side copper hoods on either end elevation, the west one sheltering a door, the east over a small porch. There is a frame shed roofed addition at the rear (north) of one storey.

The interior is a simple residential adaptation with an open-plan first floor and two bedrooms on the second. Details and woodwork are all characteristic of the 1940's and 50's.

Next door is a gambrel roof stable, of frame, oriented similarly. Both structures are sited on the north bank of the Foster Mill millpond.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Erdman house is a 1940's residential adaptation of a barn which was once part of the Foster Mill operation. It is located on the north bank of the original millpond, the dam of which was damaged in Hurricane Agnes in 1972, and subsequently repaired with reinforced concrete.

Recommendations:

This house is part of the scenic composition of the Masemore Mill, and all these structures should be considered in that context. Regular maintenance and occupation by responsible tenants is called for. Major changes which would disturb the current character of the environs should be resisted.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Hnedak

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

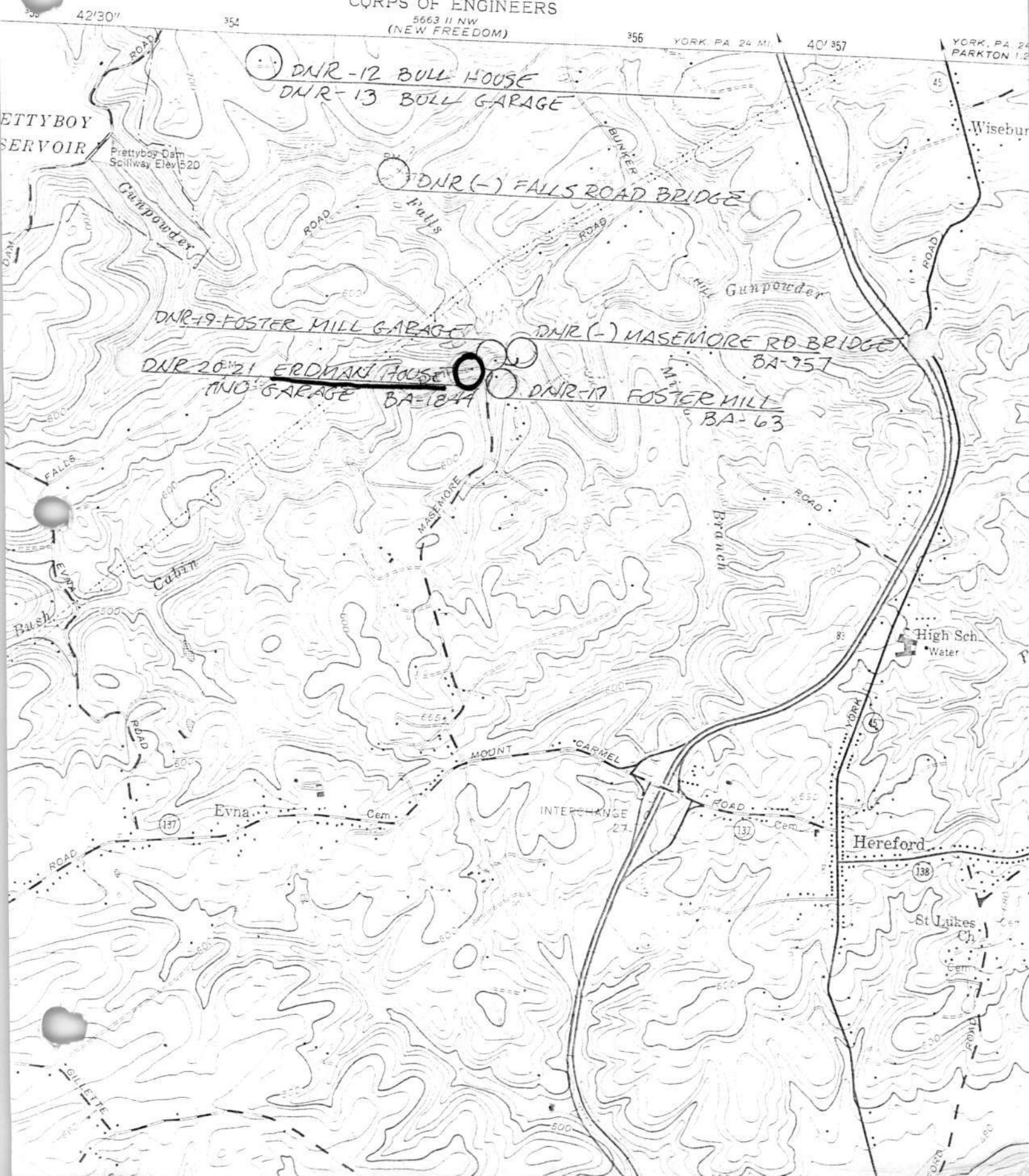
STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

HEREFORD
QUAD





BA-1844





BA-1844

